

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel all of the claims and insert the following new claims:

### **Claim 30 (new)**

An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a polynucleotide sequence encoding  
SEQ ID No: 12.

### **Claim 31 (new)**

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide  
sequence is SEQ ID No: 11.

### **Claim 32 (new)**

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is  
DNA.

### **Claim 33 (new)**

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is  
RNA.

### **Claim 34 (new)**

An isolated polypeptide having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12.

**Claim 35 (new)**

An isolated polypeptide consisting of a polypeptide of a *Candida* species having an amino acid sequence homologous with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No: 12, said homologue being essential for the viability of said *Candida* species.

**Claim 36 (new)**

An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide according to claim 35.

**Claim 37 (new)**

A process for the preparation of a recombinant protein having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12 comprising the expression in an appropriate host of the DNA sequence coding for the protein having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12 and isolating and purifying said recombinant protein.

**Claim 38 (new)**

The process of claim 37 wherein the host cell is DH5 alpha *E.coli* or XL-Blue *E.coli*.

**Claim 39 (new)**

The process of claim 37 wherein the host cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

**Claim 40 (new)**

An expression vector containing a DNA sequence according to claim 32.

**Claim 41 (new)**

An expression vector containing a DNA sequence according to claim 36.

**Claim 42 (new)**

A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 40.

**Claim 43 (new)**

A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 41.

**Claim 44 (new)**

A plasmid deposited at the CNCM under the number I-2212.

**Claim 45 (new)**

An antibody directed against a polypeptide of claim 34.

**Claim 46 (new)**

An antibody directed against a polypeptide of claim 35.